

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request that the present remarks be entered and made of record in the instant application. Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 18-19, 22, 24, 30-35 are pending in the application, with claim 32 being the sole independent claim. Claims 20 and 25-29 are hereby canceled. Claims 32 and 35 are sought to be amended. No new matter is added by way of these amendments. It is respectfully requested that the amendments be entered and considered.

Based on the above amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Support for the amendment of claims 32 and 35 can be found throughout the specification, for example, at page 11, lines 3-4; page 12, lines 7-9; page 14, lines 1-6; page 16, lines 16-18; and Table 1.

Claims 26-29 Are Allowable If Rewritten in Independent Form

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging that claims 26-29 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. (Office Action, page 8.) Solely to advance prosecution and not in acquiescence to the Examiner's rejections, Applicants have amended the sole independent claim 32 to incorporate the subject matter of claims 26-29. Applicants believe that this

amendment overcomes all outstanding rejections and therefore requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

Conclusion

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to the Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cynth. Bouchez", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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